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Judicial Board overrules FEUQ fee-hike for fall

by Joel Harrison

Next year's students have been spared the burden of debt to the federation of Québec students, thanks to a judicial board ruling last night.

The Students' Society Judicial Board quashed a council decision to add an extra dollar next fall to the one-dollar student levy the Society forwards to the Fédération Etudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ).

The increase was to cover a \$21 000 membership fee owed to FEUQ this term. Students voted to join FEUQ and pay \$1 per term in a referendum last semester.

But council missed this semester's deadline to make arrangements for collecting fees. In compensation council wanted students to pay \$2 in the fall. Normally, all student levies are approved by campus-wide referendum and not by a vote in council.

The judicial board also overturned a council resolution to return the dollar to new students who would not benefit from this year's membership in FEUQ but would still pay a two dollar fee next fall.

Graduate councillor Eric Darier, who filed the judicial appeal, said he was very satisfied with the board's decisions.

"They went further than I expected," he said.

Darier challenged the council resolutions on the grounds that they charged next year's students for this year's mistake. He said the extra levy amounts to a retroactive fee, which is illegal at McGill.

"It violated the welfare and interests of the 4000 incoming students by not guaranteeing repayment," he said. Constitutionally, next year's council could cancel the resolution



Alex Usher, Robert Fabes, and Eric Darier of the Judicial Board: two council resolutions overturned.

and refuse to reimburse the new students.

Councillor Robert Fabes also testified against the resolutions. He said they violated the integrity of the Students' Society.

"If they went through, SSMU's credibility would be shot," said Fabes. "The University would think we aren't able to manage our own affairs if it increased tuitions by an extra dollar in September and then lowered them again the next January."

Fabes questioned Council's speedy adoption of the resolution. Most financially based resolutions must go through the Joint Management Committee (JMC) before be-

ing presented to Council, but council by-passed the JMC on these motions.

Students' Society VP External Affairs Alex Usher argued in favour of the resolutions at the hearing. He said council had an obligation to pay the \$21 000 it owed FEUQ.

"The only feasible means of paying the debt was to collect \$42 000 in September," he said. "No student at McGill would be adversely affected by this."

"We tried to save students some money, but what can we do, it was overruled," he said.

Students' Society will now have to pick up the FEUQ bill out of its own budget.

ANEEQ's revival underway

by Peter Clibbon

After nine months of internal political bickering, Québec's oldest student association may be redirecting its route away from oblivion.

After almost a year of limbo, l'Association nationale des étudiantes et étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ) is reasserting itself in Québec student politics, hoping to fight more fee hikes and say 'No' to war.

"Last semester's power struggle made it clear something had to change within ANEEQ. People became frustrated with its paternalistic and dogmatic attitude," said Cégep de Vieux Montréal secrétaire à l'externe Daniel St-Onge.

On February 23, ANEEQ will elect the Conseil Régional de Montréal (CRM), one of five regional arms of the province-wide student congress. St-Onge belongs to a slate of candidates determined to reform the 16-year old association at a congress next month.

ANEEQ was widely criticized during last year's fight against tuition fee increases. Last semester, many member associations boycotted ANEEQ activities, resulting in the disintegration of its executive and an ideological battle between members. Several previous attempts to organize congresses failed due to a lack of quorum.

The CRM is dominated by slates hoping to be elected to the now vacant provincial executive. Some of the proposed reforms include increasing representation from members outside of Montréal,

forming an anglophone caucus and decentralizing ANEEQ's power structure.

"At the congress we'll begin debate on reform and form an idea of what people want from ANEEQ. It will all depend on the will of those participating," said CRM member Guillaume Vaillancourt.

"With the CRM now filled with reformers, I think student associations will send members as a last attempt to save ANEEQ. If we don't get quorum or if the reforms aren't achieved, the association will probably fall apart" said Vaillancourt.

One major concern last year was the domination of ANEEQ's Conseil Central by members of the Group Action Socialiste (GAS), a leftist fringe group. Many complained about the ex-executive's enthusiasm for unlimited general strikes and for not strategizing.

"GAS members would often illegitimately act without a mandate, as was the case last October during the elections for the new Conseil Central," said St-Onge.

"Anything must be better than the present arrangement because the only active Conseil Régional is in Montréal," said Vaillancourt.

The CRM has passed a resolution opposing the war in the Persian Gulf, and has organized a demonstration today starting at 15h at McGill's Roddick Gates.

On February 23rd ANEEQ is hosting a congress of student associations in Québec City to discuss new strategies to oppose the second stage of the government's planned tuition fee increases.

Administration threatens to evict MACES in bar brawl

by Robin LeBaron

The McGill administration is threatening to evict the continuing education students' society from its building if the bar there is not closed. The dispute may be delaying the society from regaining control over its finances.

According to Jim Osborne, president of the society (MACES), the University demanded the bar be closed on the basis of noise complaints from residents living nearby.

One nearby resident is threatening legal action, Osborne said. The resident, a former owner of the MACES building at 3437 Peel, allegedly is claiming \$100 000 in damages.

But Osborne said McGill need not be involved with the complaints. "MACES can pay the damages it-

self, if it turns out there really are any," he said.

MACES VP External Daryl Salama said the bar is important for continuing education students. "How can you have one in three students on campus with nowhere to go?" he said.

Meanwhile, Osborne said the University is refusing to discuss other financial issues, including those related to MACES's trusteeship, until the bar has been closed.

MACES was placed under trusteeship by the McGill Senate last February on the grounds of alleged financial mismanagement. The bar was not an issue when the trusteeship was established.

Under trusteeship, the University controls MACES finances. Osborne said the University has held back money and is refusing to

divulge information about MACES's treasury bills.

MACES now wants its trusteeship revoked. According to McGill Financial Officer Wes Cross, an audit of MACES finances has been done, and has been accepted by the University. But McGill Senate has repeatedly delayed discussing the issue.

Both sides continue to disagree about who has financial responsibility for MACES and its building.

"The University has no valid reasons for continuing the trusteeship," Osborne said. "Instead of revoking it, they've tabled the discussion for the last two Senate meetings. They're bargaining in bad faith."

University officials were unavailable for comment.

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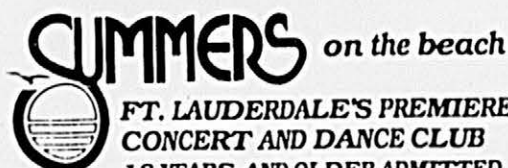
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EVENTS

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U de M's Claude Frasson speaks on cognitive restraints on intelligent tutoring systems. FREE. Stewart Bio S3/3, 1205 Docteur Penfield. 16h.

Manitoba MLA Elijah Harper speaks: "Power and Pride: Native Politics in Canada". It is the keynote address to the Native Conference which has been going on all day. FREE. Moot Court, Faculty of Law, 3644 Peel. 18h.

Students for Global Responsibility meet. FREE. Union 425, 3480 McTavish. 18h30

McGill International Socialists are having a meeting called "Lessons of the anti-Vietnam movement: a socialist perspective." FREE. Info: 284-6834 or 271-6495. Arts 160. 19h

Watch Farley Mowat get drunk. He has a small non-speaking role as a bartender in "Never Cry Wolf", a movie which is about his experiences in the North. A Film Society and META presentation. \$2.00 donation to META. Leacock 132. 19h30.

Scrivener Contemporary Reading Series presents Yesim Ternar and Renato Trujillo and music by Hugo De Burgos. Le Tycoon, 96 Sherbrooke West. 20h.

Robert Caron plays saxophone. FREE. Pollack Hall 555 Sherbrooke West. 20h.

Improv with McGill Theatresports. FREE. The Alley, 3480 McTavish. 22h.

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Events Highlight

Big Anti-War Demo. ANEEQ and the Coalition Against War in the Gulf (which comprise forty student and community groups) are leading a demonstration against the war in the Gulf. It gathers at McGill's Roddick Gates (McGill College and Sherbrooke). 15h.

Gay & Lesbian issue meeting Thursday at 14h. Help of all sorts still needed...

Gas tax offers transit quick-fix

by Michael S. Mastarciyan

A surtax on gasoline is among several proposals being considered to finance Québec's public transport system, after drastic cuts from the provincial government.

The Montréal transit corporation (MUCTC) alone may lose \$185 million in government subsidies under a proposal made public last December by Québec's minister of municipal affairs, Claude Ryan.

The gasoline tax initiative is one of the MUCTC's band-aid solutions to the funding crisis, and would raise prices by one or two cents a litre.

The new revenue will definitely not come from higher property taxes, according to Michael Prescott of the Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM). He said the MCM, the dominant party at City Hall, would rather see a gas tax or a parking tax implemented than a rise in transit fares.

According to Marvin Rotrand of the opposition Democratic Coalition party, "public transportation is an issue of concern from the perspective of the environment and social justice."

Rotrand said he is worried about Québec's fiscal proposals. But he said his party is not fundamentally against imposing a gas tax on private motorists.

Montréal's city executive initially proposed a dollar-a-day levy

on non-residential parking places. But this idea was rejected after opposition from business leaders and suburban mayors who feared the tax would harm suburban shopping malls and businesses.

Another potential source of revenue is a proposed business tax which would increase the present tax by 10 to 20 per cent. Downtown department stores like the Bay and Eatons, who benefit from shoppers using the Metro, could pay more, said Rotrand.

Guy Chartrand of Transport 2000, a lobby group for users of public transit, said the reason municipalities will not raise taxes is in fact political. But he points out that even if the tax were implemented, it would not cover the entire loss of revenue.

Gas tax not enough

Chartrand criticizes the Québec government's plans for fiscal reform. He said the MUCTC needs an additional \$60 million a year for improvements on top of the \$185 million cut. He fears that transit riders will eventually have to pick up the tab.

"The irony here is that the government wants to improve by taking away. Look at Ontario, they had a change in government and they didn't touch public transit," he said.

"Public transport is a priority



and should be supported. Québec should follow the trend set by others."

As of January this year, Montréal transit fares increased by 25 cents to \$1.50, while monthly passes went from \$32.50 to \$35.

According to Rotrand, many argue that Montréal's fares are still the lowest in North America. But he said the quality of services and municipal funding have not improved since the Drapeau era.

The MCM was originally elected in 1986, partially on a promise to phase out riders' fees altogether.

Rotrand said the public needs to pressure the MUCTC Board at its regular public meetings to improve

transit services. The Board is made up of city council members (all from the MCM), and two citizen representatives who are each paid \$12 000 a year to sit on the Board.

"The public should contact their local MNAs and let them know how they feel. We hope the City and the MUC will mobilize the public and send a message to Québec," he said.

According to Chartrand, the gasoline tax has the support of the MUC, the Montréal Chamber of Commerce, and his own group. Montréal city council will vote on the proposal on February 20. The tax would also require the assent of the Québec National Assembly.

Teach-in aimed at sexism, racism in media

by Alex Roslin

The media's biased coverage of the Gulf war got a sound thrashing in yesterday's teach-in organized by McGill Troops Out.

The event, entitled "Gulf War: Media Silence and Opposition," drew about 100 people to a series of talks exploring examples of racism, sexism and general stupidity in the media.

Misogyny and sexism prevail in media coverage of the war, according to professor Peta Tancred of McGill's Women's Studies department.

Tancred said media images of women in the war are mostly of wives departing from their partners and kids. The media rarely depicts male soldiers as husbands and fathers in a similar way, she said.

Canadians haven't paid enough attention to the fact that the war is a result of decisions taken almost exclusively by men, Tancred said.

Sexism and racism come together in the war coverage of women of colour, according to McGill student Abdul Malik Al-Jabir, of the Palestine Solidarity Committee.

For example, although 48 per cent of women in the U.S. army are African-Americans, the T.V. usually shows white women soldiers, he said.

And western TV consistently portrays Arabic women as severely oppressed, glossing over the repression of American women when comparing the cultures, he said.

Arabic people have never had much esteem in the eyes of the mainstream media, according to Hatem Salman from the Centre of Arab Studies on Development.

Arabs face widespread racism in the media, he said. They are regularly portrayed in movies and in the news as fanatics, perverts, terrorists, and holy war-mongers.

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Pro-choice network says access next hurdle

by Tristan J. Mabry

Pro-choice means equal access to abortion services not just legalization, according to the Pro-choice Action Network of Canada.

Restricted access to abortion for Québec women was the subject of a recent meeting of the McGill Pro-choice Network held at Concordia University.

The film "The Struggle for Choice" was followed by a discussion on the future of the Pro-choice Movement following last week's defeat of Bill C-43.

The film, one of a series of

works by Toronto film-maker Nancy Nicol, traced the history of the Pro-choice movement in Québec, the first province to openly defy the federal ban on abortions outside the hospital.

Although the film emphasized the positive effects of mass action, viewers at the meeting agreed that the current state of abortion access is far less encouraging.

The Canadian Medical Association, as stated in its August 1988 policy, approves the performance of abortions in free-standing clinics, as well as full medicare cov-

erage for all abortion related services.

But today, fewer than 7% of the clinics in Québec offer abortion services, most of them in the Montréal region. At present, three out of four abortions in this province are performed in Montréal.

According to Cynthia Kelly, an organizer of the Network, unless pregnant women can afford the considerable costs of getting an abortion in another area they may have no choice but to give birth.

"It is crucial to see the fight for abortion as part of the fight for

women's liberation," said Chantal Sundarm, another organizer.

Since the adoption of Bill C-43 in the House of Commons there has been a nation-wide decrease in abortion services of 25%.

According to Sundarm, "It is a mistake to see it as just a women's issue, if the bill had been passed it would have opened the door for attacks on other oppressed groups." The anti-abortion movement has a clear right-wing agenda, she said, citing such examples as their stance against gays and lesbians.

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YOUR DAILY BREAD



by Kathleen Hickey and Heather MacKay

Welcome to the first installment of the Nutrient Revolt, in which emaciated, cancerous, *Daily* staff members will pass on the methods we use to nourish and repair the natural wastage of organic life.

Eating at McGill, as we all know, can be pockmarked with unctious, dripping horrors. If the food doesn't bounce, it bleeds!

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investment and so-long environmentally evil wrappers. Wash 'em out with baking soda.

Join your autonomous student newspaper so you'll have a neat room to eat your lunch in and talk about the day's events.

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- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 eggs, beaten

1 cup milk

- 1 box frozen chopped spinach, cooked, drained well and cooled
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Mix flour, salt and baking powder in a large bowl. Stir in the butter, eggs and milk, then add the spinach, onions and cheese, mixing until everything is combined.

Pour into a greased, square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, until the brownies bounce back when poked. Let cool and cut in squares.

THE MCGILL DAILY

HYDE PARK

'Transferring' the Palestinian problem

opinion by Laura Mitchell of the McGill Palestine Solidarity Committee.
Two million Palestinians face a holocaust in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

They have been under curfew for four weeks. There are shortages of food and milk, hospitals are running out of medicine, crops and farm animals are dying or dead.

"The curfew has stopped normal daily life for Palestinians," according to a report of the Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre. "In some areas the curfew has been continuous for more than a week without a break to buy food. Some areas of the West Bank were under curfew before the outbreak of the war (Dheishe refugee camp since January 4, Qabaty and Azzoun since January 7)."

The report said two Palestinians have already been shot dead for violating the curfew. Palestinians are also systematically harassed by the army - 1000 were imprisoned in the curfew's first two weeks and face fines of several thousand dollars; soldiers are shooting holes into water storage tanks; in Nablus, two young men were beaten by soldiers and thrown into a pit; in one refugee camp, soldiers threw a sound bomb and a tear gas bomb into a house, injuring a two-year-old child.

This is what Rahbaam Zeafy, the newest member of the Israeli cabinet, called "creating the conditions to force the Palestinians out of the country (the occupied territories)." Zeafy, appointed to cabinet two weeks ago, is a member of the Moledet Party, one of several far-right parties in the Israeli parliament which advocate 'transfer', and was once a top-level military commander.

Transfer, widely seen as a genocidal program, means the mass deportation of Palestinians from their homes and land to surrounding countries, especially Jordan.

The *Globe and Mail* reported last week that the Israeli army may use the cover of war to transfer up to 200 000 Palestinians to Jordan. Some sources say the army will almost certainly deport at least 500 Palestinian activists in the next few weeks.

They may be the lucky ones. The army is already hunting those activists down and has executed at least 15 in death-squad style operations.

The idea of 'transfer' is popular among the many Israeli Jews who are eager to carve out an 'Eretz Yesrael' (a Greater Jewish State) from the Nile to the Euphrates, and want to "clean the land" for the anticipated arrival of one million Soviet Jews. A poll in 1988 in *Hadashot* said 41 per cent of Israeli Jews support transfer.

LETTERS

Africa, Christianity, and Islam

To the Daily:

I found Mr. Raymond Boucand's article in the Black History Supplement (January 31) quite interesting, however I disagree on one point, the notion that "We (Blacks) must acknowledge Islam and accept it as a way of life..." While Islam did spread throughout North and West Africa, not all of our African ancestors were affected. Some of our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia accepted Christianity long before the arrival of white missionaries. There were figures in the Judeo-Christian tradition who were Black Africans, such as the bride of King Solomon in the Song of Songs. Being Black and a Christian myself, I do not feel that it is a white man's religion, neither have I felt that converting to Islam would bring me back to my roots. God's message in the Bible is for all of humanity, not exclusively for one race.

Kelsha Bell
Arts U3

PS. Mr. Boucand also tried to suggest Islam and Christianity are one and

the same. My knowledge of Islam is limited, but according to the Bible, Jesus's 'religious title' is the Son of God.

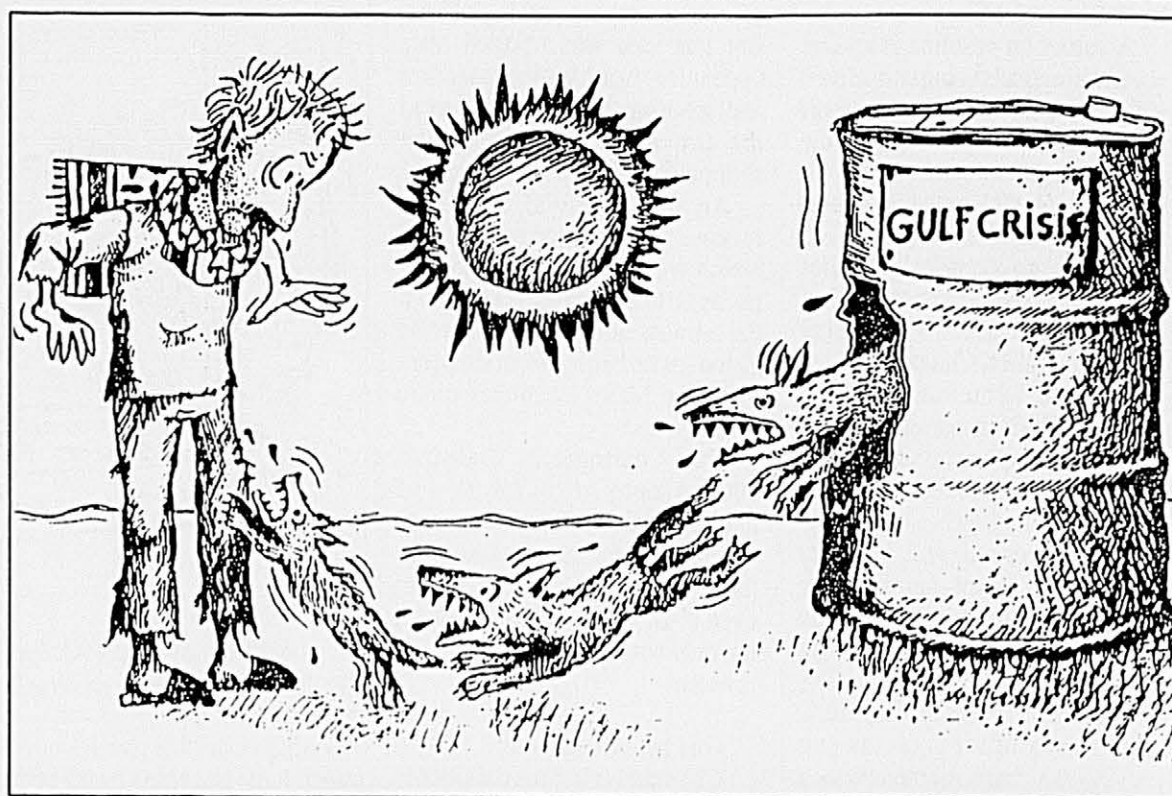
Anti-war activists should condemn Hussein too

To the Daily:

The *Daily* titled Jan W. Weryho's letter of January 30 "Anti-war, not anti-American". After reading his letter I failed to see how that title reflected the contents of the letter. Mr. Weryho appears to be the exact opposite: anti-American, not anti-war.

Were he anti-war he would have made at minimum passing mention of Saddam Hussein's brutal invasion and raping of Kuwait. Likewise he would have continued his praise for courageous populations opposing their lowly, belligerent leaders to include the Iraqi people and Saddam Hussein. It is appalling that he fails to do so.

Mr. Weryho says, "T.V. is only beginning to show us the horrors." Well, Jan, had you watched T.V. before the crisis you would have seen the images of gassed Kurd women holding their gassed babies, and guess who the cul-



prit was: Saddam Hussein. I don't see George Bush trying that one with the people who oppose his policies, or acquiring the pseudonym "Butcher of Washington" (referring to Saddam's pre-crisis title, 'Butcher of Baghdad'). People like you love to prop up select Third World tyrants as crusaders for humanity and bash the majority of the industrialized world's leaders as a gang of ruthless, brutal animals.

You were partially right when you said the war did not begin on its own, you just failed to pin the blame where it is due. This tragic and saddening war was initiated by Saddam Hussein on August 2, 1990. Mr. Weryho, if you want to go on a moral crusade for international justice and truth you should damn well do so unbiasedly. And whoever at the *Daily* was responsible for that title, don't be so subconsciously naive to assume anti-American translates into anti-war.

John L. Larson
U2 Political Science

META clarifies position

To the Daily:

In a recent letter to the *Daily*, Mark Saul seems bent on slandering and misrepresenting META by twisting and distorting the arguments of a few of our members. The following is a clarification of the 'myths' that Mark Saul attributes to META:

◊ META does not seek to dismantle the fur trade based on whether or not it exploits First Nation societies. We only target the fur trade because of the animal suffering behind it.

◊ META is not focusing on a boycott of Inuit trapped furs in particular; we are focusing on the entire fur trade which is largely made up of members of our own culture. To the extent that other cultures participate in the world economy, they face the same economic and political realities as anyone else.

◊ META has never alleged that the Inuit only trap animals for their skins and leave the meat to rot.

◊ We believe that imported southern food is not a viable alternative, economically or culturally, to indigenous Inuit hunting. While we oppose the slaughter of animals for ourselves, we do not seek to impose our morality on other cultures.

◊ If Mr. Saul can speak on the behalf of the Inuit, Dene, Metis and Indian Nations, then surely Mr. Hollingsworth, an Ojibwa, is allowed to speak on behalf of Native Canadians who are opposed to the fur trade.

We believe that the Inuit and other Indigenous cultures are viable and resourceful enough to adapt if they have to. Although it is not our area of expertise to offer viable economic alternatives for cultures adapting to the changing world situation, some of our members have come up with a simple solution. Fur that is a by-product of food could be marketed by Indigenous trappers under a separate label. A particular design style or crest could distinguish the native fur from non-native fur. Animal Rights groups would then be able to make a distinction and focus only on the larger institutionalized cruelty of the fur trade in general.

McGill for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Snow sculptors' paint cans

To the Daily:

I see that M. Claude Lahaie of the waste management program has written to thank McGill's snow sculptors extraordinaire for having appropriated, for the transport of their raw materials, a paper recycling bin, which they failed to return, and which is now purportedly unusable.

I understand that M. Lahaie must be preoccupied with the loss of his bin, but why has no one yet remarked on the many cans of Pascal spray paint it housed - cans which were emptied on the icons to highlight their features? The relative merits of this terminal art form must be contemplated, for when the birds begin to chirp, and when, from

atop the gently unfurling buds, the bees do announce the beauties of joyous spring, then these brightly-coloured statues will have to melt, to resolve themselves into a dew, and those glistening neon bubbles, like tiny toxic rainbows, will float serenely, O most serenely, through the gutters - all the way to Mr. Fish's house...

Perhaps M. Lahaie could advise the visionaries as to how they might best dispose of their noxious crap?

Ken Dobell
Arts U3

Don't blame MARS

To the Daily

The article by Melanie Rock concerning course changes and the MARS Telephone System is misleading in several ways. All Québec universities have fee refund deadlines, most of them earlier than those at McGill. Our policies are fair and equitable and have been widely publicized.

The published refund deadline for the current winter was identical to last year's, the third Friday of classes. In fact, the MARS System allowed the deadline to be extended through Saturday and Sunday, January 19 and 20, since the telephone system was available when offices had previously been closed.

The MARS Telephone System is a method for students to report the course changes they wish to make after receiving academic advice. It allows students to dial up instead of line up, but changes none of the other procedures already in place. To blame the reporting mechanism is wrong and in no way justifies the statement that students have to "pay for the confusion".

Similarly, the academic policy concerning withdrawals has remained unchanged. The MARS worksheet correctly indicates that the student must

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Strife still continues in El Salvador

The war in El Salvador is one of many being ignored by the mass media. But these wars and the current war in the Persian Gulf are interrelated, according to Victor Aguilar, Quebec representative of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation front (FMLN), one of the popular forces in El Salvador.

Aguilar talked with the Daily about the Salvadorean economy, the decades-long conflict in El Salvador, and U.S. and Canadian "aid."

by Ritu Vellani

Daily: Describe a regular day in the life of a *campesino*, a peasant, in El Salvador.

Aguilar: The majority of the people in El Salvador are from the countryside. They are either peasants or rural workers. The Salvadoran economy is an agricultural one and most of the people depend on agriculture to survive.

To describe their day is to describe a day of getting up early in the morning, picking coffee, cutting sugar cane or planting what food you can, literally from sun-up to sun-down. It is a day of constant work without medical attention, without social services, without anything which can help people to live a healthy life. This is all carried out in a setting of war, in which bombs are set off by the army to kill innocent *campesinos* simply trying to do the work they are told to do.

Within the urban centres, there are different classes of people. There are those involved in the service sector or in small businesses, what you would call the middle class. But the majority in the cities now are marginalized people. These are people who have been forced out of the countryside and are living a hand-to-mouth existence in shanty towns, whether they are selling whatever they can get their hands on, or involved in petty crime. They are doing what they can to survive in an extremely hostile situation where there is no work.

This class of people has grown a lot in the past 10 years. It is a new aspect of the Salvadoran social make-up resulting not only from the military repression in the countryside, but also from the neo-liberal economic policies of the ARENA party (El Salvador's current government).

Then of course there are the rich.

Yes, of course. The rich live in modern mansions in their own suburbs, just down the way from the shanty towns. They have all the latest gimmicks and technology which an American home would have, if not more. They have the most elaborate cars and their own shopping malls from which to buy all these luxuries.

Despite all this, these people spend a large part of their time in their homes in Miami; they don't really even live in El Salvador. Such contrasts are not unique to El Salvador. Every Third World country has them. But given the incredibly weak economies of Central America, given the long legacy of U.S. intervention creating artificial economies and also the militarization which has taken place in the entire region, the distortion between rich and poor is even greater than what you would find in South America proper, for example.

Despite the American claim that the war is imported from Cuba and the Kremlin, this distortion between rich and poor is the historical cause of the conflict in El Salvador, and it is aggravated by militarization.

What's with the 'elected politicians' in El Salvador? Are they pathetically helpless, or do they actually benefit from allowing the military to crush the people?

People involved in the established state politics are entirely dependent on the people with real power in the country — the oligarchy, made up of a few landowning families, and the military. In that sense, there is no independent political life in El Salvador. The ARENA party is the party of the oligarchy. Historically, the oligarchy has also controlled the military.

But in the last 10 years, the army has come to control the flow of money into the country — the massive infusions of U.S. military aid. It has become in essence its own political entity, which is to a degree independent of the oligarchy.

So, ultimately, the real power is the United States.

After five hundred years of stealing, exasperating and enriching itself from the resources of the 'third world', the now industrialized countries of the world claim the 'third world' owes them over \$1 trillion in foreign debt. How does the external debt of El Salvador affect the lives of the Salvadoran people? How was this debt incurred?

The entire Salvadoran economy is in an extremely grave situation. The external debt problem is difficult to talk about in an isolated way because it is just one aspect of a much larger problem. It has a lot to do with the war and its social and economic effects.

After 10 years of war, the infrastructure of the country has been destroyed to such an incredible degree it is difficult to imagine any kind of an economy functioning on its own merit. Only the infusion of American "aid" — some \$5 billion over the last decade, mostly in military aid — is keeping the economy going, and only in an entirely artificial way.

Also, the aid doesn't take the form of



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investments, or efforts to improve the infrastructure of the country, as "aid" might work in other countries. It is simply a direct transfer to prop up the Salvadoran government — the rich.

Of course, when the rich get this money they do not invest it into the country. It is a case of capital flight — they take the money out of El Salvador and invest it in banks in Miami.

What is the American interest in providing aid to El Salvador?

The United States has a geo-political interest in El Salvador in that the U.S. does not want to see a "bad example" in an area they regard as their backyard. What they call a bad example is a country which takes control not only of its own internal development, but also of its external relations. It's reason then for intervening in El Salvador is to prevent any kind of new development which it would consider a threat to its own power.

What kind of aid does Canada provide to El Salvador, and how is it being used?

Canadian aid to El Salvador last year was about \$8 million. Economically, this sum is not very much at all, but politically it is significant because it represents tacit endorsement of the Salvadoran government.

Canadian aid to El Salvador is very ambiguous and two-sided. It is ambiguous because on the one hand Canada will express concern for the violation of human rights, but on the other hand it will send money to the government perpetrating these human-rights violations.

A large part of Canada's aid goes to non-government organizations, which are responsible for creating 'model villages'. These villages are part of the government's strategy of resettling rural Salvadorans in order to prevent them from engaging in popular movements. The strategy is also to force the peasants to abandon traditional patterns of collective working and living.

There have been several cases where Israeli mercenaries have gone to Central American countries to provide military training. Has this happened in El Salvador also?

Israel does provide military advisors to the Salvadoran army, but it is the U.S. which provides the most military aid. Israel plays a very important and negative role in Central America as an ally of the United States, specifically in the case of Guatemala, where there is clearly a strong military dictatorship.

The U.S. Congress, which has itself expressed concern over the escalating human-rights violations in Guatemala and has threatened to cut off military aid, is quite willing to use its ally, Israel, to sell arms to the Guatemalan government. There is always a concern that the same thing could happen in El Salvador.

What links can you draw between American intervention in El Salvador and in the Persian Gulf?

The imperialist politics of the U.S. are clearly playing a role in El Salvador and the shifts within these politics have effects on El Salvador. For example, prior to the 'crisis' in the Persian Gulf there had been a process of negotiations taking place between the FMLN and the Salvadoran government. Over the last year, there were some advances in that process, partly because the changes in Eastern Europe encouraged an international wave of negotiations.

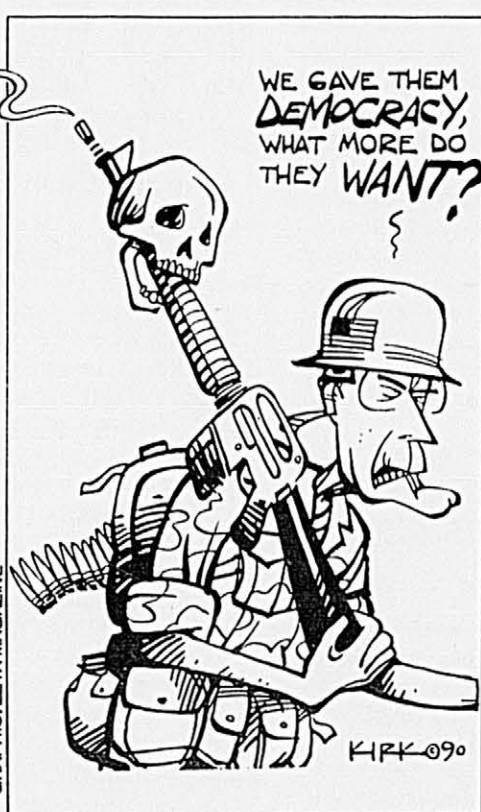
Now, however, the negotiations are stalled. The Salvadoran government feels the U.S. will win in the Persian Gulf and that it can therefore take a more aggressive stance toward the FMLN.

The imperialist mentality is what determines the course of events in El Salvador, and in this sense the two wars are closely linked. I would add that the present wave of aggression is affecting not only El Salvador and Iraq, but struggles all over the world.

ARMX, an international war technology flea-market, is scheduled to take place outside Ottawa sometime this September. Dictators from all over the world, including El Salvador, will attend to shop for the cheapest and most efficient instruments of murder. Some Canadian organizations are calling for nation-wide protests. Do you see this as an effective approach?

Any kind of protest against this and other militaristic exercises is necessary, especially given the whims of the U.S. today. The peace movement and other people protesting have to double their forces to counter these militaristic tendencies.

In the case of El Salvador, solidarity can also show itself very concretely in the form of delegations from popular organizations in Québec going to El Salvador to meet with popular organizations there which are working in similar areas. Not only does this allow groups to observe the situation and become informed, but it warns the Salvadoran government that people are watching, which curbs the amount of repression it may carry out.



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takeresponsibility for initiating changes and observing deadlines. Again, nothing is different this year except the method of submitting changes. Instead of completing course change cards, students call a telephone system which is available for many more hours during the week and on weekends.

Some 10 000 students used MARS with good success. We know there were difficulties for first time users and for those who neglected to pick up instruction sheets. We also recognize that all lines were busy during some peak hours. However, to highlight the case of some students who missed the published dates while ignoring the improved service to the vast majority of undergraduates is grossly misleading. A bit more research by your reporter could have tempered her apparent bias.

J.P. Schuller
Registrar

History repeats itself

To the Daily

For the Jews, history seems to be repeating itself now that Saddam Hussein has threatened to turn Tel Aviv into a crematorium. Meanwhile, on Monday Samia Costandi, a researcher at McGill in ethical theory pontificated that the West should "stop playing God...presumptuously professing moral superiority". Had she preached that same message to the Allies during the 1940's, I might not be alive today.

Russell Samuels
BS U3

Freedom of expression?

To the Daily

It is ironic that in the name of freedom of expression, the Forum National, funded by the Law Students Association (LSA), invited Doug Christie to speak at the law faculty, yet restricted access and downplayed publicity for the event. It is unusual that freedom of expression is interpreted to mean freedom for people to participate in this event.

Secondly, the Daily quoted Bram Freedman, President of the LSA, as saying, "We want to debate freedom of expression." As far as I know, the LSA's Forum National only invited Christie to speak on January 30 to speak in Moot Court, and it seems to me that in order to have a debate, one needs to hear at least two sides of an issue. Who represented the six million who died and whose memories are desecrated so that the likes of Christie can have their freedom of expression?

Who's freedom of expression is the Law Students' Association protecting anyway?

M. Chlu
LLB 2

Double standard

To the Daily

I fully support your criticisms concerning Canadian and American foreign policy. Recent events in the Middle East have served to amplify the hypocritical nature of Canadian and American foreign policy and you are right in exposing it.

In recent days, the government of South Africa has appealed virtually the entire apartheid system except for one fundamental right: the right of one man (sic), one vote.

And because South Africa is still withholding the right to vote from the majority of its population, the West has not ended the sanctions on South Africa. And I commend our government for recognizing the value of this right; we should not rest until the policy of one man, one vote is adopted in South Africa.

But while South Africa allows only a minority of its population the right to

vote, no Arab country enjoys even this right. Whether it is our enemy such as Saddam Hussein and Kaddafi, or our allies such as King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Hafez Assad of Syria, the rule in the Arab world is one man, no vote.

The only way in which this system is better than the apartheid system in South Africa is that in the Arab System of government no one gets special treatment - everyone is discriminated against. How can our government be considered credible when, after stating that the only end to sanctions on South Africa will occur once the right on one man, one vote is applied to all South Africans, it rewards the Arab governments, where they have one man, no vote with billions of dollars in aid? Is it simply because the Arab governments are consistent in denying their citizens basic rights while the South African government is inconsistent? This double standard must end.

Jennifer Elsen
BA U1

Neocolonialism wrong

To the Daily

The Gulf War, horrible as it may be, is just a symptom of a much larger problem. It is a product of a global order that has been dominated by a small number of states.

As I am bombarded with every next CNN report, as I read article after article, the same thought keeps on coming to my mind. The U.S. and its allies are as much to blame for this war as Iraq. Firstly, the U.S. has done its utmost to make sure that the Middle East was sufficiently unstable that no state or group of states could challenge U.S. interests in the region.

However, as we have seen, there was a risk that the instability would spiral out of U.S. control. They propped up Saddam for many years as a part of an unstable regional balance of power. Secondly, the U.S. and their allies have not lessened their reliance on oil and on Kuwaiti foreign investment.

Admittedly, I am not an expert in the region but I do see a neocolonialism at work here that I think is fundamentally wrong. The U.S. is not fighting for Kuwait, or the civilized world community. It is fighting for itself and that's it.

This time, its interests just happen to correspond with others. The sad thing is that it can do whatever it wants whenever it wants relatively easily, especially with the U.S.S.R. not being able to counterbalance anymore. The U.S. has set the limits.

I do not want to see a world where anybody dominates. Look at what happened on August 2 partly as a result of such domination. Starting now, and into the post-war period, much work has to be devoted to finding ways of ensuring a more equitable balance of power in the global system.

Arjun Singh
BA U3



Onward rages...

To the Daily:

Onward rages the war in the Persian Gulf without an end in sight. Our governments continue to spend on maintaining troops in the Allied Coalition. But why the necessity for the loss of life on the part of our soldiers? All Iraq wants is a Palestinian State.

From that glorious moment when Saddam Hussein rose to power, one could see it in his eyes that his sole raison d'être was the creation of a Palestinian State.

In 1980, when he became embroiled in a war with Iran, one could see it as clear of daylight that it was all on behalf of the Palestinians. A Palestinian state was foremost on his merciful mind.

The use of chemical weapons on his own Kurdish population totally convinced this observer that Saddam Hussein was a champion of the Palestinian cause, and of morality in general.

Alas, the writing was on the wall, but we, the blind men and women of the western world were not wise enough to see that beyond the terrible image of a callous murderer there existed a gentleman with clarity of mind, filled with compassion for the Palestinians. The invasion of Kuwait thus seems to be a logical course of action to demonstrate the need for an independent Palestinian homeland.

And now the brave Palestinian population in Jordan is willing to take up arms and join Saddam Hussein in preserving the 'province' of Kuwait within his ever-expanding empire.

The Palestinians express a profound willingness to carry out attacks against innocent civilians throughout the world because with every death, they quite obviously come closer to achieving their aims.

Thanks to Saddam Hussein's clarifications over Baghdad Radio and in the Press, my eyes have finally been opened to the reality of the situation. Saddam Hussein is not in it for himself, but for the Palestinians.

It therefore follows that his invasion of Kuwait was to liberate Kuwait from Israel. His SCUD missiles landed on Tel-Aviv to liberate Israel from the Israelis. Indeed, there is no need for the coalition to lift a finger against Iraq. Kuwait has already been liberated!

And if he succeeds in liberating Israel, he might try to liberate Jordan, Turkey, Iran, Britain, France, Canada, etc....

David J. Felsen
Science U2

Accessible browsin'

To the Daily:

Joel Harrison's article "Politicians playing games with ramp," February 4, 1991, is incorrect and misleading by saying that the new Bookstore was built without access for our disabled students. Joel should have checked with us first.

Access is directly off McTavish,

handicapped gate (well marked) inside and a freight elevator takes one floor to floor. Although the elevator is keyed, all one needs is to ask one of the staff to lead the way.

Although the new store has no public washroom, a private staff room was designed for wheelchair accessibility. It should also be noted that the open aisles and space around and between the book displays is quite generous and more than enough for the handicapped to maneuver, browse and at the same time be comfortable and welcome.

SSMU Councillor Robert Fabes, Chair of Access McGill, should take note.

G.W. Franks
General Manager
McGill Bookstore

Don't blame the State

To the Daily:

I take exception to Madelyn Kent's and Suzanne Steing's "The long history of antisemitism" (Jan. 30), who allege that Zionism is racism.

Zionism is simply the expression of the Jewish people's right to their own state in the land of Israel, the birthplace of the Jewish people and identity. Unlike many of its hostile neighbours, the State of Israel (roughly 25 per cent of Palestine) duefully protects the religious and political rights of all minority group citizens whether they be Moslem, Christian, Druze, Bahai, as well as Jews, black and white alike.

While the Arab-Israeli conflict must be solved in a manner recognizing the political reality of the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Zionism in no way precludes any hope of peaceful coexistence. It is important to use caution prior to making any statements that have no basis in fact which only serve to confuse and cloud the issues instead of encouraging dialogue, enlightenment and rapprochement.

Jonathan Singerman
Med. 4

Ed. note: Amnesty International has issued a number of reports detailing the State of Israel's denial of basic human rights to Palestinians.

Like it? It's a full-length human!



They didn't start the fire

To the Daily:

Ever wonder what lurks in the sub-basement of the Union building? Not only does the underground garage provide parking space for the mass-transit-impaired, but it also serves as the headquarters of SSMU's latest club, the McGill Volunteer Fire Brigade (MVFB).

Putting out fires is serious business. But the MVFB makes it fun, fun, fun! We dress up head-to-toe in rubber outfits with oversized yellow hats, and then slide down this big greasy pole. (Now there's something you can't do at the Debating Union.)

We are going to get a big red fire engine with sirens, flashing lights, a working ladder able to scale four stories (which is unfortunate for people on higher floors), and enough fire engine

polish to keep us busy the whole semester.

If you join now, you can participate in our Four Floors Hosing Down Bash. It's a zany publicity stunt wherein we get all wet and goofy and maybe even drink a brewsky... or two!

We expect this will raise a very insignificant amount of money compared to the time and effort we put in, but it will all go to a worthy cause. We don't quite know which charity it will go to yet, but we're sure one will pop into our heads sooner or later.

During the semester we will inform students of fire prevention during our first bake sale. All the baked goodies will be quite well burnt and then extinguished with toxic chemicals. Spillage is expected to be relatively low.

This is especially true compared to the Alley after the ASUS/MVFB co-sponsored Hydrant Challenge, the first contest at McGill to include man's best friend. We hope to beat our longstanding rival, Oxford, for the World Championship.

We intend to spend most of the time inspecting building safety standards, hosting speakers you've never heard of, installing alarms on every convenient exit, helping cats down from trees against their will, controlling crowds with our awesome hoses, and of course, there's always the greasy pole.

We don't ever expect to be called upon to put out a fire. The city has professionals to do that. But we'll be right there with them, watching, from a safe distance.

Get involved!

Alice Jones
Chief, MVFB

The meat of META

To the Daily:

Clearly, META is not racist. They have back-tracked and apologized sufficiently to be merely patronizing and ethnocentric. They feel that the fur trade is analogous to the cocaine trade. Here is the difference: fur kills animals; cocaine kills people. And I simply haven't seen convincing arguments in favour of 'animal rights'.

I agree that we live in an era where animal life must be protected. The species of our planet and their ecosystems are threatened. This is cause to fight to save every species possible. A species lost is our loss - forever. Saving the planet's environment, however, does not preclude sustainable wildlife harvesting. In any case, META has expressed no concern for such global issues.

Their interests seem to lie primarily with minimizing all suffering in the animal world, and (if you can get your head around this one) all other life forms.

Animals suffer. It sucks to die, whether it's through old age, starvation, disease, a leg-hold trap or a hunter's bullet (although the latter two may be more humane). Animals die to serve human needs and excesses. Fight to end the excesses, but I'd much rather see cancer drugs tested on bunnies, cute though they may be, than on my mother. I simply can't understand how animals can have universal rights.

META says that the logical progression from Black Liberation is to Animal Liberation. Some feel that we should complete Black Liberation first. But if 'non-human life forms' get precedence, the next life form in need of liberating is the Mosquito, and then the Eggplant.

Oh, and how about the Sea Sponge? And who could forget the...

Tom Morin
Arts U2

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...anti-war teach-in

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According to Al-Jabir, the media's racist depiction of Arabs is making it easy for Israel to continue its brutal occupation of Palestine with little significant western criticism.

Al-Jabir told students the racism is especially dangerous now because of reports that Israel is planning the mass deportation, or "transfer", of several hundred thousand Palestinians to Jordan.

"The Israelis have already hunted down several dozen Palestinian activists in death-squad style executions and arrested hundreds of others, and meanwhile the media dismisses them all as Muslim fundamentalists or terrorists," he said.

"Every Arab or Muslim who gets in George Bush's way is a terrorist. That's what happens when entire nations of people are treated as tools for U.S. ends. It's simple racism."

Canadian History professor André Lévesque also spoke at the Teach-in and dismissed the myth of Canada as 'peacemaker'. She said Canadian arms-making firms have historically raked in handsome profits from imperial wars, serving as America's right hand in its adventures abroad.

Lesbian and Gay issue meeting, Thursday, 14h

...abortion

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Kelly said that "the legal battle has stopped to a great extent". But this does not mean that the war is over, surprise attacks on the rights of women may have unlikely origins, she explained.

One example she cited is the expense of keeping Canadian forces in the Gulf War. Social programs and health services such as access to abortion (a service included in the Canada Health Act), will inevitably suffer, she said.

Anyone with information regarding a decline in services is urged to contact the McGill Pro-choice Network at (514) 362-1032.

DAILY PUBLICATIONS SOCIETY

The McGill Daily has been autonomous for ten years. In that time, we have held two five-year space leases with the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU). Now, as we edge closer to the termination of our current lease (May), it seems negotiations may be more complicated than we had expected.

Last month, law rep to SSMU Council Jordan Waxman submitted a lease proposal to the Daily's co-ordinating editor. The proposal calls for a substantial reduction of the Daily's Union Building office space, including the elimination of the newspaper's business and ad typesetting offices.

In addition to this, the Daily would be charged \$14 000 yearly for the remaining space. The Daily, like all student groups, is non-profit and cannot afford to pay commercial rent. Recognizing these constraints, the university in conjunction with SSMU accommodates space needs of student groups (the Daily currently pays a dollar a year).

Because the Union Building is owned by the University Administration, the Daily directed Waxman's proposal to the secretary of McGill's Senate and Board of Governors, Sheila Sheldon-Colyer.

Sheldon-Colyer promptly wrote a letter to Waxman, reminding him that Students' Society does not hold the right to enter into a contract or lease with respect to the Union Building. Therefore, the SSMU Council, on whose behalf Waxman is attempting to negotiate, cannot unilaterally revise the agreement extant between Students' Society and the Daily.

At last Thursday's Council meeting, a student rep asked Waxman to disclose the details of the lease negotiations. He refused.

The Daily Board of Directors believes members of Students' Society should be informed of the actions being taken on their behalf. The lease proposal submitted to the Daily violates standing policies between SSMU and the administration. We cannot recognize this proposal.

Other student groups also deserve to know the details of our lease negotiations, because they may confront similar difficulties in the future.

Anyone interested in reading the relevant documents is invited to stop by the Daily office, Union B-03.

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STUDENTS' SOCIETY AWARD OF DISTINCTION

At The Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), we believe that excellence must embrace both the extra-curricular and academic aspects of a student's life at McGill. As a result, SSMU has created a unique scholarship, The Students' Society Award of Distinction (SSAD) for outstanding student contributions to the McGill community. These scholarships will be presented to individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the University, through significant contributions to students' activities and organizations coupled with outstanding academic achievement.

VALUE:

Three scholarships of \$3000 each, one designated for a student enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

ELIGIBILITY:

Members of the SSMU, who are also full-time student registered and continuing in full-time degree programs, as well as, graduating students if they are returning to McGill as full-time degree students. Student members of the Selection Committee and Executive members (past and present) of the SSMU are ineligible. Undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 24 credits by the conclusion of the current academic year.

All full-time graduate students as defined in the Faculty of Graduate Studies calendar.

Outstanding academic merit shall be evaluated on an applicant's entire performance at McGill. In addition, graduate students must submit their undergraduate transcripts and a list of any publications in refereed journals.

FINANCIAL NEED:

Financial need may be a consideration should the number of qualified applicants exceed the number of scholarships.

REFERENCES:

All candidates must submit two letters of reference. One must come from someone who can attest to the significance of the applicant's contributions to student life, for example the president of an organization. The other must be by an instructor at McGill University.

In addition, Graduate students must submit an additional letter from their thesis supervisor or the equivalent thereof.

METHOD OF SELECTION:

A selection Committee composed of two McGill students and two McGill faculty, with the Vice-President (University Affairs) as chair will review the applications, and invite finalists for an interview.

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DEADLINE:

Applications and all letters of reference must be received no later than March 8, 1991 at 5:00pm.